

Hamilton Field, Water Storage Reservoir
(Facility No. 719)
Reservoir Road
Novato
Marin County
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Location: Hamilton Army Air Field
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U.S.G.S.: Novato, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1954 (revised 1980)
Petaluma Point, CA. Quadrangle (7.5' series), 1959 (revised 1980)
UTM Coordinates: Zone 10; A: 542100/4213620; B: 544720/4212220;
C: 542760/4210650; D: 541040/4212600

Significance:

The reservoir is considered significant for its association with Air Force history in northern California, and with World War II actions in the Pacific Theater. The reservoir is an essential component of base operations and provided water for domestic, industrial, and irrigation purposes.

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) for a comprehensive Statement of Significance and individual report HABS No. CA-2398-A for a condensed Statement of Significance.

Description:

This water storage reservoir is located north of the base industrial area on top of a hill commonly referred to as "Reservoir Hill." The dimensions of the rectangular concrete reservoir are approximately 80 by 100 feet; the depth is unknown. It is capped with a flat wood roof covered with composition paper. A chain link fence surrounds the reservoir. An auxiliary water storage feature is buried beneath the ground surface adjacent to the reservoir on the northwest.

Historical Context:

See narrative for Hamilton Field (HABS No. CA-2398) and Section B in report HABS No. CA-2398-F.

The reservoir was built by George De Golver under contract with the Army Air Corps. Completed in 1933, it was one of the first structures built on base and was an essential support facility.

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Sources:

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See the project Field Record, roll 14, exposures 3-8.

Project Information:

Hamilton Army Air Field is owned by various federal entities including the Department of the Navy, Department of the Army, United States Coast Guard, and General Services Administration (GSA). The Army/GSA parcels are being excessed and sold to private developers. The Navy property is included in Base Closure and Realignment actions.

As part of the Army's undertaking, it has been determined in consultation with the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) that the excess sale will have an affect on properties at the air field, and that these properties are components of a district that is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Based on consultation with the OHP and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, pursuant to 36 CFR part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f), a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was entered into by the interested parties in March 1994. The agreement stipulated that prior to excess sale the Army must contact the HABS/HAER division at the Western Regional Office of the National Park Service, San Francisco, California, to determine the appropriate level and kind of recordation for the subject properties. The MOA further stipulated that copies of the documentation be made available to the OHP and appropriate local archives designated by the OHP. This recordation has been prepared in order to meet those stipulations.

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